Controversy over census data

2084. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE:
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have instituted any inquiry into the controversy over the census data on the religious compositions of country's population; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An internal inquiry has been made. A mistake has been committed in the Report on Religion data released on 6th September, 2004. It was not mentioned in the Brief Analysis that the growth rates were based on unadjusted figures. Appropriate warning is being issued to the concerned.

Guidelines have been issued to the Office of RGI that whenever any changes are made in the format or analysis—it should be done after due technical diligence, be carefully vetted and an explicit mention should be made of the departure so as to avoid confusion and misinterpretation of the data by the users.

Seizure of boxes during Operation Blue Star

2085. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether following Operation Blue Star in June, 1984, the authorities took custody of several boxes from the precincts of the Golden Temple, Amritsar;

(b) the details of number of boxes taken over and in whose custody these were lying since then;

(c) whether custody of the seized boxes has recently been transferred to the Siromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC) and the boxes have been opened for public viewing of its contents; and

(d) if so, the details of the boxes so handed over, authorities which had sealed them and those who opened it, and items which the boxes found to be containing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) About 4,000 documents/books/ files and gold/gold ornaments, silver/silver ornaments, precious stones, currency, coins, etc. were recovered by a Central Agency during the Operation Blue Star. All the articles and documents have been handed over either to the SGPC or to the Government of Punjab except a few documents, which were objectionable and thus destroyed and a few others filed in the court. It is for the Government of Punjab to hand over the articles in their possession to the SGPC.

Funds received by militant outfits from foreign countries

2086. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the militant outfits involved in secessionist activities and receiving funds from foreign countries; and

(b) the number of such outfits banned by Government so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) (i) Some prominent militant organisations such as Hizbul Mujahideen (HM), Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), Harkat-ul-Mujahideen (HuM), Harkat-ul-Jehad-e-Islami (HUJI), Jamiat-ul-Mujahideen (JuM), Jammu and Kashmir Islamic Front (JKIF), Al-Badr, Tehrik-e-Mujahideen (TuM) and Al Umar mainly operating in J&K and United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA); All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF); National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB); People's Liberation Army (PLA); operating in the North-East region are reportedly involved in secessionist activities and are receiving funds from foreign countries.

(b) In total, 32 organisations notified as terrorist organizations under POTA 2002 (since repealed) continue to be banned under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Ordinance, 2004.

Land allotted for Assam Rifles

2087. SHRI LALHMING LIANA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Mizoram has allotted a plot of land at Zokhawsang for shifting Assam Rifles from the heart of Aizawal city;